

INITIATIVE WILL HARDLY GO IN NEW MEXICO CONSTITUTION

FALL LEADS CONVENTION MEMBERS

Will Go to Senate With Gov.
Mills, the Belief of Those
Who Seem to Know.

DEMOCRATS MAKE SOME CHARGES

Three Interpreters on the
Floor—Convention Ap-
pears Representative One.

(By G. A. Martin.)
Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 24.—The initiative is a dead letter in New Mexico. The referendum will go into the constitution, but even the administration people admit that "it has its teeth drawn" and that it is not radical legislation.

There are those who charge that the granting of the referendum and denial of the initiative is but a sop to the people who favor both and that it will be of little worth to anybody. "If the corporations can control the legislature," declared one man, "they can prevent the passage of laws inimical to themselves and they will not care for the power given the people to revoke laws; they will see that laws unharmed to them are enacted and the people will have nothing to undo with their referendum. But if the people were given the power to inaugurate laws which the legislature failed to pass. Without it, the corporations have things safe."

"Protection From Corruption." This is not spoken with regard to New Mexico conditions any more than any other state. The arguments are used in a general sense, the advocates of the initiative declare. They say that it is the only protection in any state against a corrupt legislature. The referendum, they admit, is good to hold as a club to prevent the passage of or repeal drastic legislation, of which the people do not approve, but the initiative, they declare, is much more dangerous to the "interests." There are those who will openly assert that the New Mexico legislature has been dominated in the past by corporations—some go so far as to say that the Santa Fe railroad is the dominant influence and they admit that in this New Mexico is no worse than other states where legislatures have sold themselves on almost every question of vital importance to the people.

"Referendum" in the Past. "New Mexico has had to go often to congress for the repeal of certain laws passed by the territorial legislature," declared E. S. Storer, of Albuquerque, chairman of the Republican contingent in the convention who favor the initiative and referendum and former lieutenant governor of Kansas, "and if we have to appeal to congress now for protection from our legislature when the lawmakers know that their acts can thus be reviewed, what will happen if we have no referendum or initiative after we become a state? The right of appeal that we now have is our referendum. If we are deprived of this right after we become a state, we will be at the mercy of our legislature, who have not in the past in all things so conducted themselves that we can trust them."

The Purchaser's Vote. Major Fred Muller, of the United States land office at Santa Fe, a Democrat, a former Rough Rider, but not a delegate, speaking as a citizen says: "I am in favor of the initiative and referendum."

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RANCHMAN KILLED IN A VALENTINE SALOON

Valentine, Texas, Oct. 24.—In an affray in Bell & Cassidy's saloon here, Tom Bybee, a prominent ranchman, was shot and killed. Joel Finley, who owns a ranch adjoining that of Bybee, 12 miles from Valentine, in the Hollman mountain range, admitted the killing. The men, it is stated, had been personal enemies for years. Neither knew of the other's presence in town, it is said, and the meeting which resulted in the tragedy was accidental. Both men were deputy sheriffs and both were armed.

Tom Bybee entered the saloon first. He was then unarmed, and asked the bartender, Jake Schorbach, for a pistol, as it was his custom to go armed in town. Schorbach gave him the pistol, which he placed in his hip pocket. Standing behind the counter, looking into the mirror, with his back to the door, he saw Joel Finley enter. As he turned around, Bybee, it is said, drew his pistol and started to fire. Finley was the quicker and fired the first

WOULD TRADE WITH TEXAS FOR EL PASO

Isidoro Armijo Wants to Settle Boundary Dispute on East Side of New Mexico by Accepting El Paso County as Part of His State—Thinks El Paso Would Be Glad of the Trade.

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 24.—New Mexico may make an effort to get Texas to trade El Paso county in lieu of the strip of territory in dispute west of the 203d parallel.

Isidoro Armijo, chairman of the committee on boundaries of the constitutional convention, who proposed that the convention make claim to the territory in dispute, announced today that he would, when the proper time comes, make the proposal that New Mexico accept El Paso county in lieu of the disputed territory.

Speaking of the matter, he said that El Paso had been talking of rebelling from the state of Texas and that this would give the El Pasoans a chance to become a part of the new state of New Mexico, with which territory the people of El Paso have more common ideas than with Texas. He said today that he believed the rest of the state would be glad to surrender El Paso county in settlement of a boundary dispute of long standing and that he believed El Pasoans would be glad to come into New Mexico instead of remaining in Texas.

The constitutional convention has no power in the matter, but Armijo says he intends to press his suggestion when the matter comes before the national congress for final adjudication.

ADJOURNMENT DATE TO BE DECIDED IN FAIR GROUNDS DRESSED IN BUNTING

Initiative and Referendum
to Be Taken Up Wednesday
at Santa Fe.

CAUCUS OF THE LEADERS SCHEDULED

Santa Fe, N. M., Oct. 24.—Although the convention does not convene until late this afternoon, it is certain that the legislative initiative and referendum reports will not be taken up until Wednesday.

Tonight the most important Republican caucus of the session will be held at which it will probably be determined to adjourn on November 15.

The ground was cleared for the convention to go into committee of the whole today to take up proposition after proposition without delay, so that final adjournment can be taken before the middle of November.

That all members are determined to get the constitution to Washington by early next February was manifest from the unanimous adoption of a resolution limiting the debate on the initiative and referendum to three hours and the debate on the entire report of the committee on legislative department to eight hours including the three hours to be given the initiative and referendum.

Committees Must Report Wednesday.

The committee submitted its entire report. It declared against the initiative and provides for a modified, much circumscribed referendum on laws passed by the legislature. Another resolution unanimously adopted was that all committees must make full reports by Wednesday.

The committee on corporations has decided in favor of an appointive state corporation commission to be bipartisan, each commissioner to serve six years and to be paid \$2000 annually. The commission shall have rate making powers for common carriers and full inquisitorial powers as to books and records of corporations.

Cat Show Is Incorporated as
Feature—Judge Kone to
Open the Big Fair.

BABY SHOW TO BE A FEATURE

Bunting is being hung at the park fair grounds, the colonnades painted and decorated and all of the buildings prepared for the reception of the exhibits which are already arriving for the big fair next week. The main colonnades is now completed and is being strung with flags, bunting and streamers of small variegated flags. The Greenland trail colonnade is also completed and the work of decorating the amusement street is now in progress. The fair grounds are rapidly being converted into a white city. White is to be the color at the fair and everything, even the tree trunks, is being decorated with pure white. The fence around the half mile track, the hippodrome enclosure and every building, fence or post on the grounds is to be painted pure white. The effect is most pleasing against the background of the green of the park proper and the fair will have a setting as attractive as the exhibits which are to make up the different departments. Every building on the grounds is to be labeled plainly in order that the out-of-town visitors may find their way about the grounds without difficulty. The walks and drives are also to be marked and everything arranged for the convenience of the fairgoers next week.

A baby show is to be made a feature of the big fair next week. The baby show is to be held on school children's day, Saturday, Nov. 5, and will be held in a large tent erected especially for the purpose and in charge of trained nurses from the local hospitals. Dr. J. A. Edmunds will be the judge. Prizes consisting of cups, go-carts, baby pins and everything else cherished by mothers will be offered.

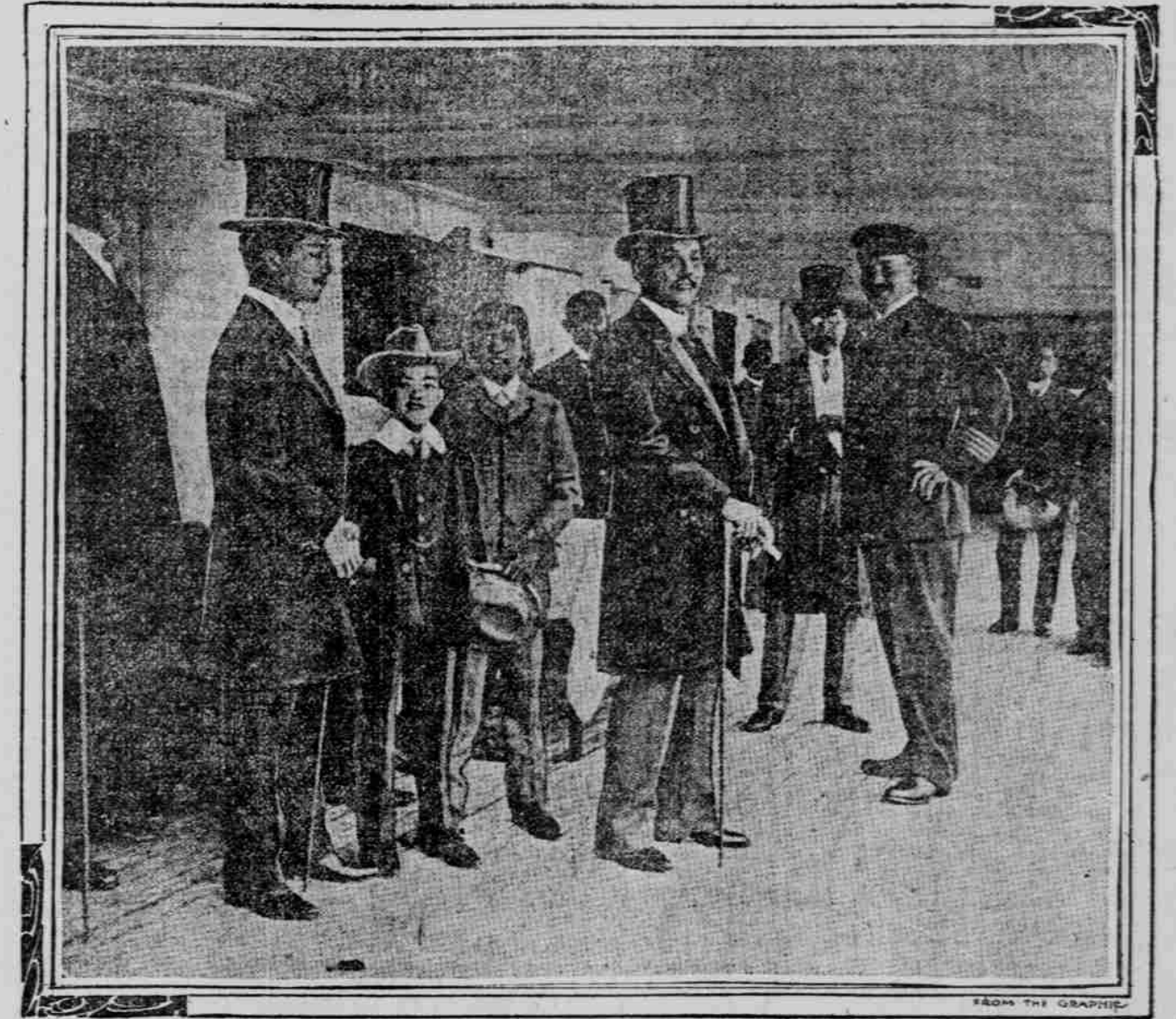
A Cat Show. The demands made upon secretary Rich by the cat fanciers for a cat show has caused the secretary to arrange for a special exhibit of felines at the fair. This means that the entries from the other pet exhibits and ribbons will be awarded.

The weight clause has been eliminated by the poultry association in the judging of young birds at the poultry show. This means that the entries in the various classes will be doubled, for a number of breeders have withheld their entries because their young birds, fine specimens in every way except that they are not mature, would have been cut several points. The weight clause was removed to give these young birds a chance.

To Receive Kone. Judge Ed. R. Kone, state agricultural commissioner, who will formally open the fair, will arrive here on the morning of Oct. 29 and will be met at the station by a committee and escorted to a hotel, where he will be the

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THE KING OF SIAM IS DEAD



KING OF SIAM AND HIS THREE SONS
Bangkok, Siam, Oct. 24.—The death of king Chulalongkorn, which occurred at an early hour Sunday, was due to uraemic poisoning. The king had suffered for years from nephritis. Uraemia developed on Saturday and the king lapsed into unconsciousness, dying a few hours later.
The crown prince Chompha Maha Vajiravudh was proclaimed king. He was born January 1, 1890, and was proclaimed crown prince January 17, 1895.

BALLOONISTS MAY PERISH IN COLD

Two Men In American II
May Have Fallen In Deep
Canadian Forests.

New York, Oct. 24.—The gravest fears are expressed today for the safety of Alan R. Hawley and Augustus Post, who started from St. Louis a week ago today in the balloon America II in the international balloon contest and they are thought to be lost in the wilds of Quebec, far from civilization.

Edmond Stratton, an intimate friend of Mr. Hawley, left for the Quebec region today and will direct a search for the missing balloonists. If the America II has escaped the dangers of descending on any of the inland lakes, the aeronauts still face the serious hardships of forcing their way through the pathless forests of the now freezing north, through which rove bands of wolves and other wild animals.

Searcher Is Sent. The balloon passed over Thompsonville, Michigan, last Tuesday afternoon headed north, according to messages received in St. Louis this morning by the Aero club. It is believed by the club officials that the America II may have landed somewhere in the Georgian bay district and this point will be searched by Lewis Spindler, who has been sent to Canada by the club to make the search. This section is the wildest kind of a wilderness and the aeronauts may have great difficulty in getting back to civilization.

Hudson Bay company has telegraphed that all its trappers at the outposts have been advised to look for the missing balloonists.

ORPHAN CHILD IN SEARCH OF AUNT

Fails to Locate Relatives of
Mother, Who Died
on the Train.

Clayton, N. M., Oct. 24.—Eds Roberts, nine years of age, fatherless, motherless and seemingly nameless, reached Clayton, to which place she was ticketed over a week ago. She was to mail a letter to an aunt near Passmore. The letter was pinned to her dress and was mailed ten days ago, but no aunt has appeared.

The child says her mother died on the train over a month ago and was taken off and buried at Wichita, Tex., and that her stepfather, Ed Roberts, sent her from Big Heart, Oklahoma, to her aunt, Mrs. Minnie Thompson, near Passmore. Authorities are caring for the child.

She will be turned over to Dr. Dr. Lukens, of the Albuquerque Children's home, if relatives fail to claim the little girl.

CITY WILL REBUILD PUMPING PLANT AND CUT INSURANCE RATE

El Paso's key rate for fire insurance will in all probability be reduced shortly to 34 cents, the 10 cents reduction being due to proposed improvements in the pumping plant on the mesa. It will be changed to brick or cement, instead of ironclad.

Alberman J. I. Hewitt said Monday morning: "As soon as the city takes over the water plant I shall recommend that immediate action be taken for the reconstruction of this building, in order to secure the 10 cents reduction in the key rate."

"I cannot say when the actual transfer of the plant will occur, as we have not discussed it recently," he said.

ROOSEVELT SEES ABANDONED FARMS

Former President Makes an
Automobile Trip In New
York State.

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 24.—To inspect abandoned farms in this section of the state, former president Roosevelt stopped here today, beginning his campaign through New York state which is to extend to the end of the week.

Colonel Roosevelt will ride by automobile more than 100 miles during the day with representative Cocks of Nassau county, and Prof. L. H. Bailey of Cornell, who was president of the Country Life commission appointed by president Roosevelt. The trip is to end at Binghamton, where colonel Roosevelt will make a speech this evening.

Retaliates Charge Against Dix. Before starting on his trip, Col. Roosevelt addressed a crowd in front of the hotel, reiterating his charge that John A. Dix, the Democratic candidate for governor, was a director in a corporation, (Standard Wall Paper company), which was a component part of the so-called "Wall Paper trust," which was characterized in a decision by Judge Linton of the supreme court as one of the most oppressive monopolies ever created.

STEAMER BELIEVED LOST MAKES PORT IN SAFETY

New Orleans, La., Oct. 24.—The Norwegian steamer Bluefields, which was believed lost in the recent hurricane, arrived safely from Havana this morning.

PLAYER IS KILLED; FOOTBALL UNDER BAN

St. Louis, Oct. 24.—Following the death yesterday of Ralph Wilson, right half back of the Wabash, Ind., college eleven, it was announced today that football will be discontinued by Wabash college.

RUSH FOR CARS TO GET STOCK TO PASTURE

Many Cattle Too Weak to
Stand the Long Haul to
Get to the Grass.

LOADING MANY CARS AT KENT

31 Cars Shipped on Saturday
and 52 on Monday,
With Many to Follow.

Kent, Tex., Oct. 24.—The conditions of the range around Kent and in west Texas are getting desperate. Cattlemen are shipping out everything they can to market, and those that are not in condition for market are shipped to various points for pasturing.

The old timers say this is the hardest year experienced in the last decade. On account of the long and continued drought, there is no grass and the cattle are suffering, consequently there is a rush for cars to ship out everything that is not too far gone to ship.

Jackson and Harmon, of Alpine, shipped 31 cars from here Saturday, two and three year old steers, destined to Amarillo, Texas. The agent of the T. & P. has orders for 52 cars to load today destined to various points for pasturing.

The cattlemen are very anxious to secure pasturage but it is almost impossible to find it anywhere near, and many of them are forced to sell what cattle they have, otherwise they would lose them all.

The weather continues dry with little prospect of rain.

SUSPECTED OF MANY MURDERS

"Candy Bandit" Talks of
Mysterious Killings
and Is Arrested.

East St. Louis, Ill., Oct. 24.—After having given details of many local robberies and hinting at two murders, Lee Rhodus, who was arrested here yesterday, has been put in a cell by the police with instructions that no one is to see him.

Rhodus intimated that he knew of the murder of Dr. Michaelis, a dentist in Chicago, last August, and of a captain Potter of northern Missouri. The Michaelis murder proved a mystery to the Chicago police. He was shot down at night almost at his own doorstep. Rhodus admits he is the man who has been called the "Candy Bandit" because he always took candy from the stores of men he robbed. He says he expects to be hanged.

Mrs. Rhodus, who married Rhodus last July, says she and her husband were in Chicago in July and August. Says one night her husband came home with his coat spotted with blood. "He told me he had been shot in the shoulder while robbing a drug store," she said. "Later he told me he had been up and shot a doctor."

As Mrs. Rhodus was leaving the police station, her husband called to her: "If anything happens to me, you kill yourself."

NO NAVAL BASE FOR NEW ORLEANS

Secretary of Navy Says For-
tifications Must Be Near
Panama Canal.

New Orleans, La., Oct. 24.—The movement for a big naval base at New Orleans was discouraged today by secretary of the navy Meyer, who is here on a tour of inspection. "If there is ever to be any fighting, it will not be in the Gulf of Mexico," said the secretary. "But around the entrance of the Panama canal. I do not think the Mississippi valley is in any particular danger of invasion."

Although it is thought the secretary favors Guantanamo bay, Cuba, as a naval base for the navy, a strong effort will be made to have the naval base now here retained.

DIGS UP WIFE'S BODY; FINDS COFFIN CHANGED

Phoenix, Ariz., Oct. 24.—Presidents haunted by an "intuition" almost as strong as a voice which summoned him to his wife's grave, E. E. Bridgeman alleges in a sensational damage suit, filed in the district court, that he discovered on digging up his wife's remains that a local undertaking firm had substituted a plain pine box for a metal lined rubber sealed box in which the remains were shipped from Los Angeles to Phoenix for interment.

Bridgeman claims that on account of the "hant," he suffered illness and distress till he was unable to work and prays for \$5000 damages.

OIL AT FORT STOCKTON

Fort Stockton, Tex., Oct. 24.—Much excitement is caused here over the report of oil having been discovered about 30 miles from here in the Tom Riggs pasture.

While the reports are meager, it is considered that there is oil there beyond question. Those in possession of the facts are not sufficiently skilled to tell what the result will be.

Experts will be on the ground within the next few days and make calculations.

CRIPPEN TO DIE NOV. 8

London, Eng., Oct. 24.—Dr. Hawley Crippen, who has been convicted of the murder of his wife, Belle Elmore, will be hanged on November 8. The date originally announced was November 15, but today the sheriff advanced the day one week.

PREACHER AS MARSHAL OF NEW MEXICO TOWN, ENFORCES LAWS

Clayton, N. M., Oct. 24.—Clayton's preacher-marshall, who was given the position when he complained of the former marshal's enforcement of law and order, has graded the principal streets, killed off the stray dogs to 50 or more and keeps guard at night equal to a forest ranger. An ineffectual man is not seen on the streets.

One man tried it the other night and a minister-marshall marched the big fellow to the saloon that sold him too much and ordered the saloon man to shelter him till sober.

The new Bank of Commerce will open Nov. 1. The vault is built and a manganese safe has been received. This makes three banks for Clayton.

Ira Wolff, of Garrett, Oklahoma, marketed his large wool crop here. He came in an auto and the wool was hauled in wagons and was sold to Boston buyers.

The El Paso Herald reaps subscriptions here because it puts Clayton on the map and the Clayton people are pleased with their treatment.